

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH A 3+3 TRACK TO LAW (BS)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a 3+3 Track in Law
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)
Department: Criminal Justice (<http://louisville.edu/justice/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): JA _ _BS_3+3

Program Information

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law have joined forces to create 3+3 Accelerated Law programs that allow eligible students in the College of Arts & Sciences to begin law school in their senior year of undergraduate study. Students substitute undergraduate major and elective requirements with the first 30 hours of law school, earning an undergraduate degree after their first year of law school and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree two years later.

To be eligible to apply to the School of Law, participating students must complete three full-time academic years (90 credit hours—fall and spring semesters only) of postsecondary undergraduate coursework, including at least two full-time academic years (60 credit hours) of in-person instruction at the University of Louisville in a qualifying bachelor's degree program.

Students who apply via the 3+3 Program must submit the same application materials as traditional first-year JD applicants, including a valid LSAT score, and are subject to the same entrance standards. Any offer of admission to a 3+3 Program applicant is contingent upon the applicant's continued undergraduate academic performance and completion of undergraduate program requirements.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	13-15
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	36

Law School Courses	30
Free Electives to bring minimum total to 121 ²	11-9
Minimum Total Hours	121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

² It is strongly recommended that the student takes CJ 203 Introduction to Law and the Legal System and CJ 306 Criminal Procedure

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

This program is designed for the *high achieving student* who plans to study law. Students must complete 30 credit hours with a 3.5 GPA and meet with a criminal justice advisor before being accepted as a 3+3 to law in criminal justice major.

The Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/>).

Admission to Law School

Admission to the 3+3 track does not guarantee admission to the Brandeis School of Law. Students who apply via the 3+3 Program must submit the same application materials as traditional first-year JD applicants, including a valid LSAT score, and are subject to the same entrance standards. Any offer of admission to a 3+3 Program applicant is contingent upon the applicant's continued undergraduate academic performance and completion of undergraduate program requirements.

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Participating students must successfully complete the full-time first-year law (1L) curriculum in order to be awarded their bachelor's degree at the conclusion of the 1L year and be permitted to continue in the JD program. If a participating student does not successfully complete the 1L curriculum and thereby does not have enough credits to be awarded their bachelor's degree at the conclusion of the 1L year, the student must attend a mandatory counseling meeting at which the student's options for continuation in the JD program, if any, will be discussed.

For more information on Brandeis and its admissions requirements, please contact Brandeis School of Law, Office of Admissions (<http://louisville.edu/law/admissions/>). Their office can also arrange for you to visit the law school.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]	31

The following courses are required by the program and can satisfy the respective General Education Requirement:

CJ 200	Introduction to Criminal Justice - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) (or CJ 201 or CJ 202)
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
Foreign Language		1
Electives in Humanities or Natural Sciences at 300 level or above		2
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above		3
Minimum Total Hours		13-15

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Criminal Justice		
CJ 200	Introduction to Criminal Justice - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁴	
CJ 201	Introduction to Law Enforcement - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁴	
CJ 202	Introduction to Corrections - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁴	
CJ 305	Theories of Crime and Behavior	
CJ 325	Criminal Justice Research Methods	
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁴	
CJ 360	Juvenile Justice	
CJ 485	Criminal Justice Senior Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	
Criminal Justice electives (See approved list below) ⁶		12
Minimum Total Hours		36

Code	Title	Hours
Law School Courses		
		30
LAW 802	Torts I	
LAW 803	Torts II	
LAW 804	Contracts I	
LAW 805	Contracts II	
LAW 806	Property I	

LAW 807	Property II
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I
LAW 810	Criminal Law
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I
LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II

Minimum Total Hours 30

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
Electives		7
Minimum Total Hours for Graduation		121

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
CJ 485	Criminal Justice Senior Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	

Code	Title	Hours
Approved Criminal Justice Electives		
CJ 400	Legal Issues in Corrections	3
CJ 403	Institutional Corrections	3
CJ 405	Crimes Against Older Adults	3
CJ 406	Crime Victims and Victimization	3
CJ 415	Drugs and Crime	3
CJ 420	Computer Applications in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 421	Organized Crime	3
CJ 425	Behavioral Analysis of Violent Crime	3
CJ 426	Violence in the United States	3
CJ 430	Environmental Crime	3
CJ 435	Comparative Criminal Justice - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3
CJ 440	Human Trafficking	3
CJ 445	Computer and Electronic Crime	3
CJ 460	Correctional Rehabilitation	3
CJ 493	Police and the Community	3
CJ 495	Directed Studies	1-6
CJ 496	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 500	Crime and Criminal Justice in Film	3
CJ 505	International Terrorism	3
CJ 509	Crime Analysis	3
CJ 510	Managing Conflict, Change, and Justice	3
CJ 516	Seminar in Juvenile Justice Issues	3
CJ 517	Gangs in the United States	3
CJ 519	Domestic and Family Violence	3
CJ 520	Capital Punishment - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3
CJ 521	Corporate and Financial Crime - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3

CJ 522	Serial and Mass Murder	3
CJ 523	Race and Gender in Criminal Justice - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3
CJ 530	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
CJ 577	Trauma Informed Policing	3
CJ 578	Criminal Justice Leadership - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3
CJ 580	International Service Learning: Criminal Justice Seminar	3
CJ 596	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 597	Ethics in Criminal Justice - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁵	3

- ¹ Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on language taken
- ² In addition to courses counted toward General Education
- ³ May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- ⁴ Fulfills General Education requirement.
- ⁵ Fulfills WR requirement.
- ⁶ Criminal Justice electives must be from the approved list and recommended at the 400 level and above.
- ⁷ It is strongly recommended that the student takes CJ 203 Introduction to Law and the Legal System and CJ 306 Criminal Procedure

Students must have a minimum of 50 hours at the 300 level or above and a minimum 121 hours total to graduate.

Flight Plan

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science- S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
Foreign Language 1 (students who take 3 credits will require additional elective credits)		3-4
CJ 200	Introduction to Criminal Justice - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		16-17
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - S+SL or B		4
Foreign Language 2 (students who take 3 credits will require additional elective credits)		3-4
CJ 201	Introduction to Law Enforcement - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		16-17

Year 2		Hours
Fall		
CJ 202	Introduction to Corrections - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
CJ 305	Theories of Crime and Behavior	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication- OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Free Elective (CJ 203) or General Education: Cardinal Core U.S. Diversity - D1 (if not completed with another Cardinal Core course)		3
Hours		15

Year 2		Hours
Spring		
General Free Elective or General Education: Cardinal Core Global Diversity - D2 (if not completed with another Cardinal Core course)		3
Humanities or Natural Science Course (300 level or above)		3
CJ 325	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CJ 360	Juvenile Justice	3
General Free Elective (CJ 306)		3
Hours		15

Year 3		Hours
Fall		
CJ 326	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Criminal Justice Elective (400 level or above)		3
Criminal Justice Elective (400 level or above)		3
WR Course (300 level or above)		3
General Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Year 3		Hours
Spring		
CJ 485	Criminal Justice Senior Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) (WR, CUE)	3
Humanities or Natural Science Course (300 level or above)		3
Criminal Justice Elective (400 level or above)		3
Criminal Justice Elective (400 level or above)		3
General Elective (range based on language courses in Year 1)		0-2
Hours		14-12

Year 4		Hours
Fall		
LAW 802	Torts I	3
LAW 804	Contracts I	3
LAW 806	Property I	3
LAW 810	Criminal Law	3
LAW 811	Lawyering Skills I	3
Hours		15

Year 4		Hours
Spring		
LAW 803	Torts II	3
LAW 805	Contracts II	3
LAW 807	Property II	3
LAW 808	Civil Procedure I	3
LAW 812	Lawyering Skills II	3
Hours		15

Minimum Total Hours 121